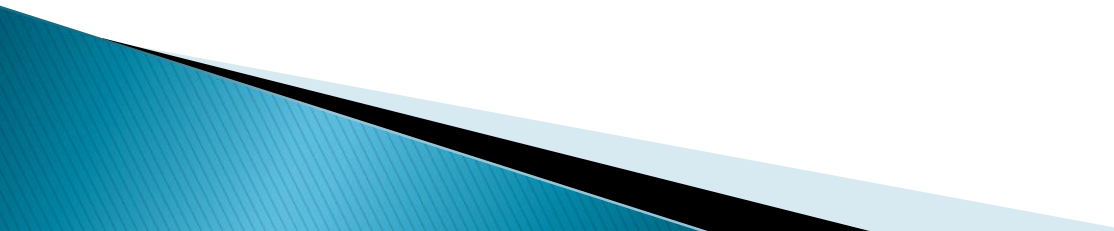


Wichita Police Department Body Worn Cameras




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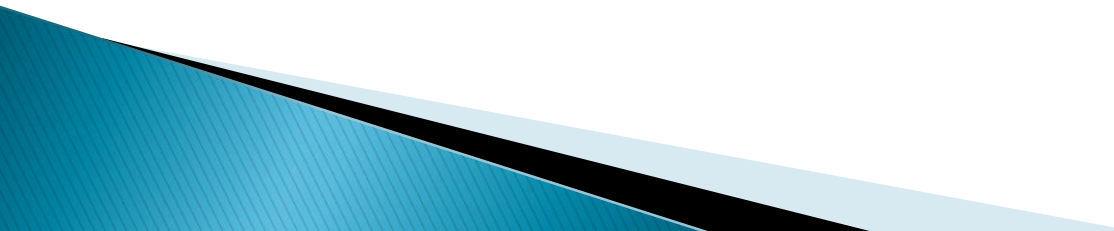
Background

- ▶ Wichita Police Department has deployed Body Worn Cameras (BWC) since 2011
 - ▶ Currently 60 BWC are in use
 - ▶ Police anticipate equipping all patrol officers with BWC by December 31, 2015
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Outcomes

- ▶ BWC's have shown evidence of decreased citizen complaints and use of force incidents
 - ▶ BWC's will improve accountability and documentation, protecting officers as well as citizens
 - ▶ BWC's will improve transparency, improving the relationship between the police and the community
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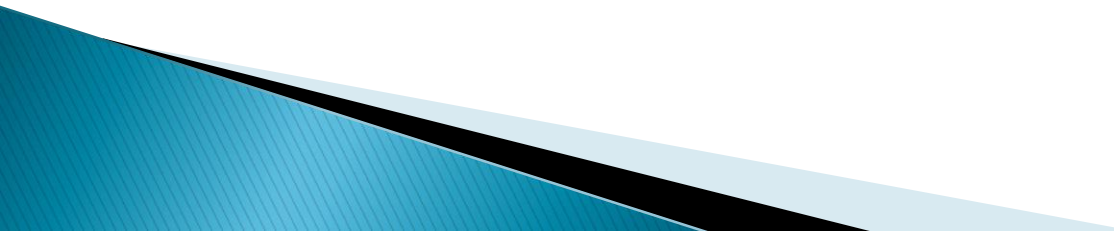
Recommended BWC System

- ▶ Taser – Axon is the recommended system
 - ▶ The WPD currently uses both Tasers and BWC make by Taser – Axon
 - ▶ Many other Police Departments in the US that have BWC use Taser: San Diego PD; Ft. Worth PD; Topeka PD; Johnson County PD; Salt Lake City PD; New Orleans PD; Mesa PD; Seattle PD
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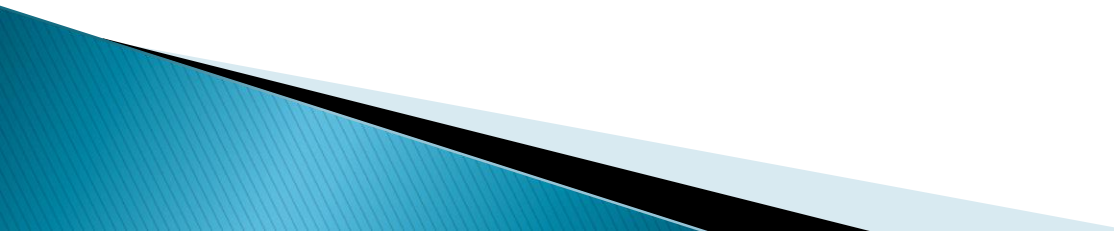
Taser – Axon System

- ▶ BWC system is comprised of two parts:
 - Hardware: Camera, Battery and viewing monitor
 - Software: Storing and accessing video through Evidence.com.

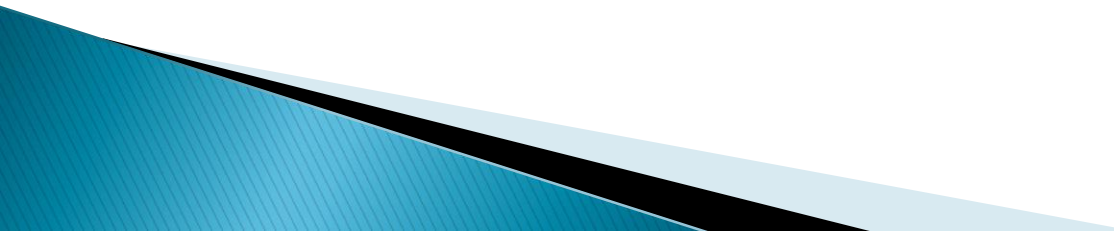
Taser – Axon System

- ▶ City purchases new hardware in year one
 - ▶ Annual fee covers data storage, maintenance on cameras, replacement parts (batteries), software upgrades, and equipment upgrades
 - ▶ Annual fee provides unlimited data storage
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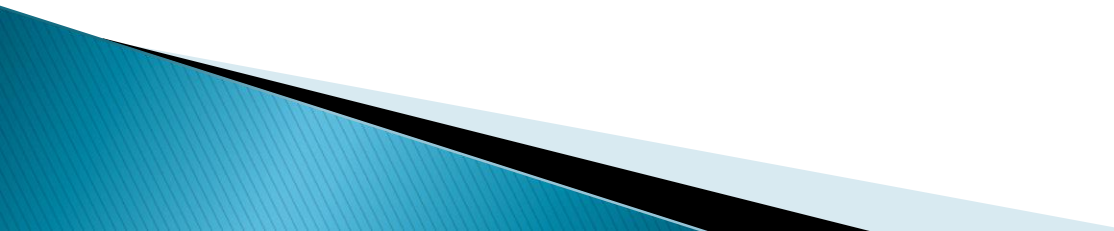
BWC Implementation

- ▶ Every patrol officer will have a BWC (over 400). Supervisors (Sgt's, Lt's, Capt's etc.) will not have BWC's
 - ▶ Police Department policies will outline use of the system
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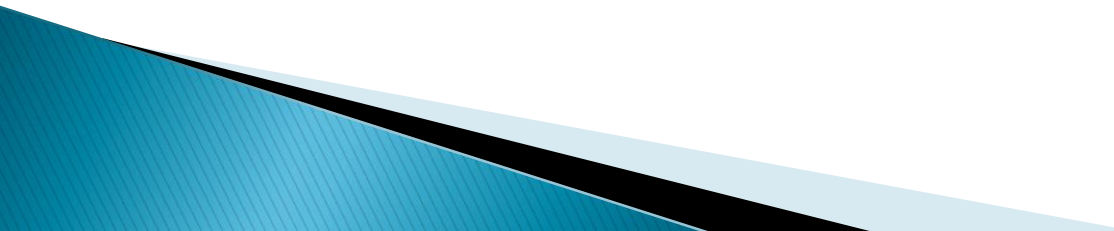
- ▶ Cameras will be implemented one substation at a time.
 - ▶ Infrastructure updates will be needed at each Substation to accommodate BWC.
 - ▶ Officers will be trained on operating the new cameras and on the policy for usage.
 - ▶ Implementation should be completed by the end of 2015.
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Financial Considerations

- ▶ Total cost for 5-years is approximately \$2.2 million dollars
 - ▶ Year one: Purchase of hardware, licensing fees, and data storage – \$712,000
 - ▶ Subsequent years: Licensing and data storage fees of approximately \$360,000 annually
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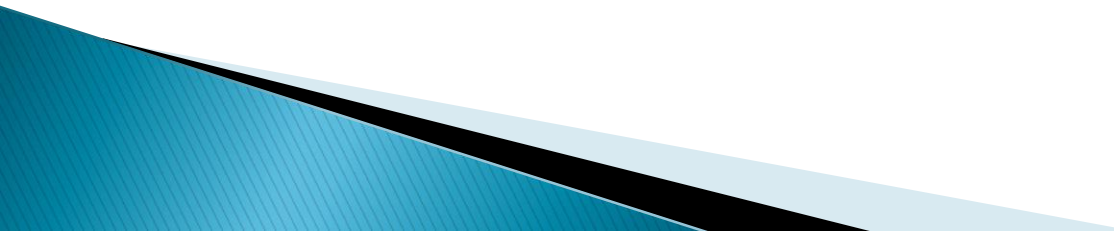
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Staff Recommendation for funding:

- ▶ Year 1 \$712,000: \$100,000 JAG grant; \$612,000 from one-time sources (Police Wrecker Fund, funds from sale of assets)
 - ▶ Year 2–5 \$360,000 annually: Narcotics Seizure Funds or other Police resources
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Financial Considerations

BWC's will impact WPD operating costs

- ▶ Staffing will be needed to manage the enormous quantity of video that will be recorded and cataloged.
 - ▶ As implementation proceeds, Staff will address staffing needs and develop a plan of finance.
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Recommendations / Actions

- ▶ Approve contract with Taser to provide AXON camera hardware and data storage services through Evidence.com.

Axon Flex Video



Questions?